

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 143**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
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SUBJECT: Statewide Criminal Case Management System

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 143 amends Chapter 5, Title 14 and Section 1-7-330 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 10, which would establish a statewide criminal case management system that would be governed by a Statewide Criminal Case Management Plan approved by the Chief Justice of the South Carolina State Supreme Court.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates enactment would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds. Currently the Judicial Department is providing a criminal case management system to the 16 Judicial Solicitors Offices as a component of the court system's overall computer automation plan approved by the State's Chief Justice. This system allows the Solicitors to comply with the requirements of the Bill using computer automation. The Judicial Department has agreed to provide the 16 Judicial Solicitors Offices with one year of technical support (at no charge to the Solicitors) using federal grant funds. However, the Solicitor's Offices would be responsible for annual operating cost for the second through fifth year of system implementation which is estimated at \$314,500 annually (7 Judicial Circuits at \$23,800 per year, 8 Judicial Circuits at \$17,000 per year and 1 Judicial Circuit at \$11,900 per year).

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Commission on Prosecution Coordination is requesting \$71,400 for FY 2007-08 to cover second year costs for a portion of the Solicitor's Offices that have begun implementation of the system.

Approved by:



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